

REMARKS

Please reconsider this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

- Claims 1-36 are pending.
- Claims 1-6, 8-20, 22-24, 26-34 are rejected.
- Claims 7, 21, and 25 are withdrawn.
- Claims 35, 36, and 37 are newly added.

Applicant has amended the specification to correct various typographical or grammatical errors. These amendments do not add new matter.

In claim 4, "the surface" has been changed to "a surface". In claim 10, "taxol" has been replaced by its generic name "paclitaxel" and "docetaxel" has been added. The specification, page 38, line 5, supports "paclitaxel" and "docetaxel". This amendment does not add new matter.

In Claims 1 and 29, support for "or completely" can be found in the specification, as filed, in the paragraph that begins on page 9, line 8.

Claims 7, 21, and 25 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Applicant requests that the Examiner rejoin these claims. Each claim depends from an allowed base claim and, therefore, is allowable for at least the same reasons as the base claim.

The newly added claims recite "polyvinyl aromatics". The specification, as filed, on page 36, line 3, supports this term.

With respect to systems that exhibit two or more glass transition temperatures, blends exhibit two or more glass transition temperatures:

For example, some polymer blends that exhibit two phase systems can have more than one T_g .

Specification, page 29, line 7.

In some systems, semicrystalline polymers exhibit two or more glass transition temperatures:

Additionally, some semicrystalline polymers can have two glass transitions, especially when they have a higher percent crystallinity. See Edith A. Turi, Ther[mal] Characterization of Polymeric Materials, Academic Press, Orlando, FL (1981). Bulk-crystallized polyethylene and polypropylene, for example, can have two glass transition temperatures at a relatively high percent crystallinity.

Specification, page 29, line 8.

Finally, in some systems, block or graft copolymers exhibit two or more glass transition temperatures:

It has also been reported that block and graft copolymers can have two separate glass transition temperatures.

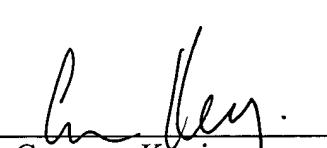
Specification, page 30, line 10.

Since all claims are in a condition for allowance, please issue a Notice of Allowability so stating. If I can be of any help, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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